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# DARE- DEVIL

THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!



**I, MURDERER!**



**DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!™**

# "I, MURDERER!"

GO, MY  
LITTLE ROBOT  
MINIATURE,  
YOU ARE *SMALL*  
ENOUGH TO WALK  
UNDER THE GUARD  
BEAM WITHOUT  
SETTING OFF  
AN *ALARM!*

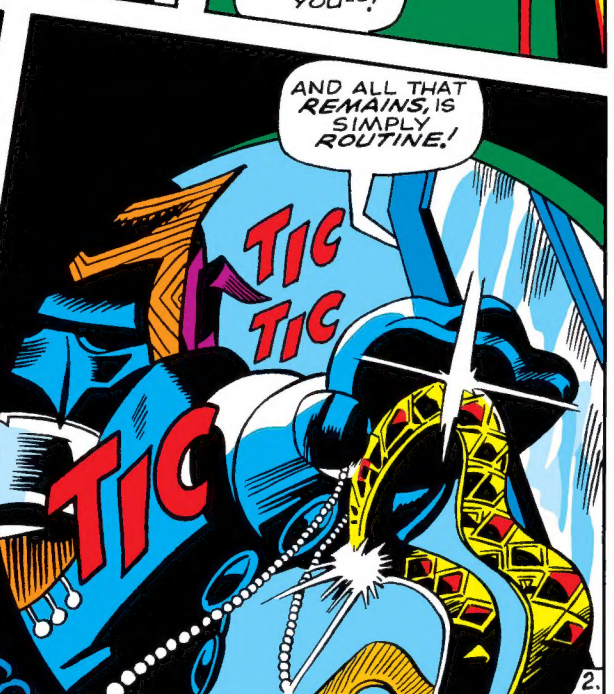
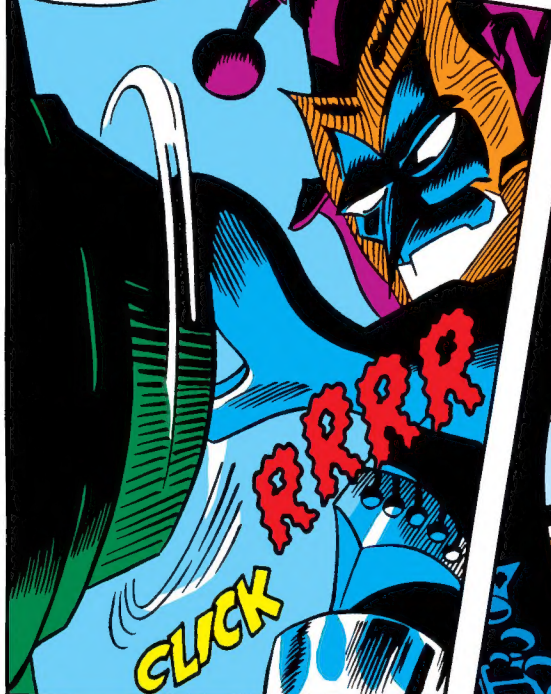
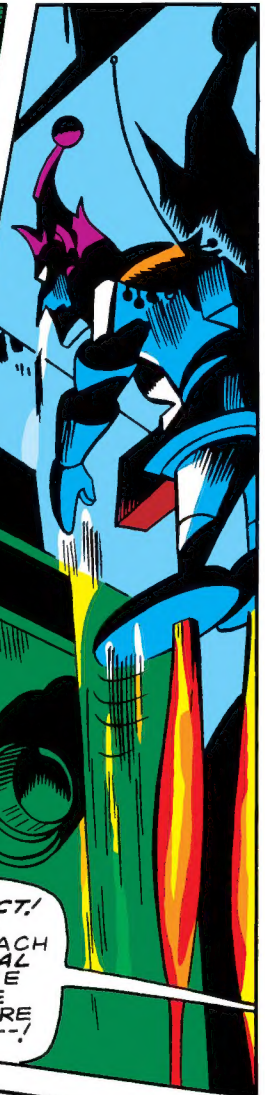
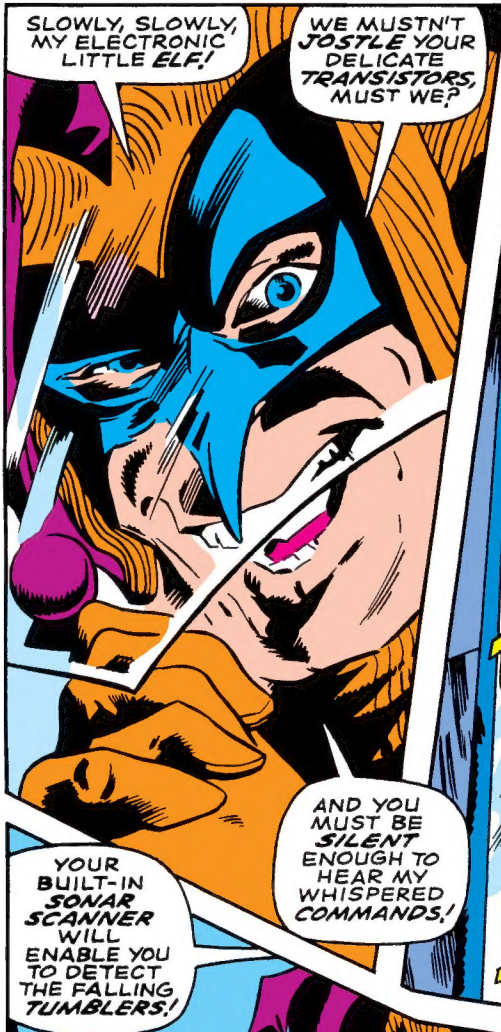
ONLY THE *JESTER*  
COULD HAVE  
CONCEIVED SO  
*BRILLIANT*, SO  
TOTALLY *DARING*  
A PLAN!

AHHH,  
HOW I  
THRILL TO  
THE PITTER-  
PATTER  
OF YOUR  
TINY  
FEET!

STORY:  
*SMILIN'*  
**STAN LEE**  
ILLUSTRATION:  
*GENIAL*  
**GENE COLAN**  
EMBELLISHMENT:  
*VALIANT*  
**VINCE COLLETTA**  
LETTERING:  
*ADORABLE*  
**ARTIE SIMEK**  
APPLAUDING:  
*IRASCIBLE*  
**IRVING FORBUSH**









TO THINK OF THE YEARS I WASTED--SEEKING FAME AS AN ACTOR!

I--THE GREATEST CRIMINAL GENIUS OF ALL!

WELL DONE, MY UNDER-SIZED LITTLE UNDERSTUDY!

NOW, BACK INTO YOUR RESTING PLACE YOU GO!

HOW CHILDISHLY SIMPLE IT WAS!

EXCEPT FOR MY ONE CARELESS DEFEAT AT THE HANDS OF DAREDEVIL, I'VE BEEN--WAIT!!

A POLICE SIREN!!

STAY WHERE YOU ARE, MISTER! I'VE GOT YOU DEAD TO RIGHTS!

DO YOU? WE SHALL SEE!!



THEN, AS THE GARISHLY COSTUMED ARCH-FIEND DASHES FROM OUT OF THE SHADOWS--

I MIGHT'A KNOWN-- IT'S THE JESTER!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, FUNNY MAN!

PERSON JEWELERS  
JEWELERS

DON'T SHOOT! THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE OFFENDS MY EARS!

WHICH IS WHY I PREFER MORE SILENT METHODS--

SUCH AS THIS!

THUP

AND SO THE JESTER TRIUMPHS AGAIN!

HE REALLY IS A FULL-TIME NUT!

HE GOES TO ALL THAT TROUBLE TO GRAB THESE JEWELS-- THEN LEAVES 'EM BEHIND--

AND HE THINKS HE'S WON!



MINUTES LATER--

THE PRIZE ITSELF MEANS ALMOST NOTHING TO ME!

ALL THAT TRULY MATTERS IS THE EXCITEMENT OF THE GAME--THE THRILL OF THE CHASE!

BUT THERE IS ONE THING THAT NOW CONCERNS ME--!

AND, EVEN BETTER--

WHAT IF I MAKE IT SEEM AS THOUGH MY OWN WORST ENEMY KILLED ME?

SOONER OR LATER, SOMEONE IS SURE TO LEARN MY TRUE IDENTITY!

AND, WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I'LL BE FAR MORE VULNERABLE THAN I AM NOW!

BUT, IF THE WORLD SHOULD THINK THAT JONATHAN POWERS IS NO LONGER ALIVE--!

AND, WHILE THE JEERING JESTER CONJURES UP AN IMAGE OF THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR--LET'S VISIT OL' DD IN PERSON--

KAREN MIGHT STILL BE SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY!

AND, IF SHE IS-- I'VE GOT TO FIND HER!





I CAN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT THAT I'VE BROKEN HER HEART!

WHEN I ADMITTED WE COULD NEVER MARRY--

I NEVER DREAMED SHE'D TAKE IT SO HARD!



I THOUGHT IT WAS FOR THE BEST-- FOR HER OWN SAKE--

I ONLY DID IT BECAUSE I LOVE HER!

BUT--I REALIZE NOW--EVERYTHING IS MEANINGLESS-- WITHOUT HER!

THE ONLY PROBLEM IS-- HAVE I REALIZED IT--



--TOO LATE?

BUT NOW--SOAP OPERA TIME'S OVER--AS WE VISIT A POLICE STATION THE NEXT DAY--



MY NAME IS JONATHAN POWERS! I HAVE A STATEMENT TO MAKE!

11TH PRECINCT

GOWAN INSIDE AND SEE THE SERGEANT!

AND I INTEND TO EXPOSE HIM-- PUBLICLY-- AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT!

YEAH! THAT'S WHAT HE'S THERE FOR!

I JUST THOUGHT THE LAW WOULD LIKE TO KNOW--

I'VE FIGURED OUT THE SECRET IDENTITY OF DAREDEVIL! I KNOW FOR CERTAIN WHO HE IS!







I WILL MAKE MY ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE CENTER OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE--

A LOCATION THAT APPEALS TO MY SENSE OF THE DRAMATIC!

SAY, I HEARD OF JONATHAN POWERS--HE'S AN ACTOR-- BEEN IN A DOZEN FLOPEROOS!

THIS MUST BE SOME KINDA PUBLICITY STUNT!

IF YOU KNOW WHO HE IS, MAC, WHY NOT SPILL IT NOW?

AND, EVEN AS THE FATEFUL HOUR DRAWS NEAR--

WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM FOR A BULLETIN FROM THE NEWS ROOM--



IT'S PUSHIN' MIDNIGHT NOW--SO LET'S GO!

WE'LL NEED TIME TO PICK OUR SPOT AND SET UP THE CAMERA!



AH, NO! ONLY THE STAR MAY PICK THE RIGHT TIME--THE RIGHT PLACE!

HE SOUNDS LIKE HE MEANS IT, JOE!

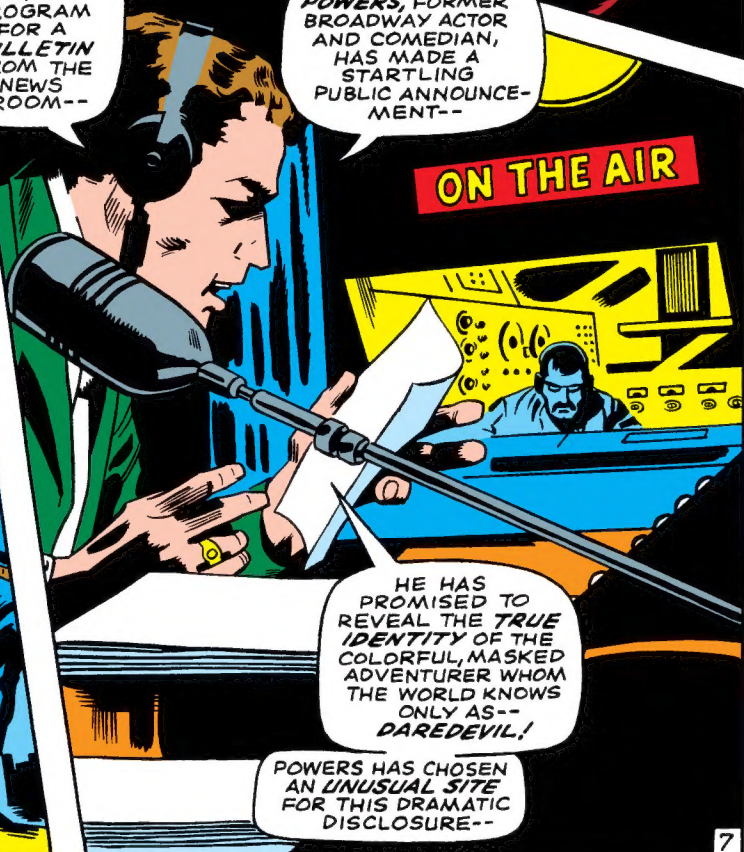
IT'S BEEN A SLOW NIGHT SO FAR--WE MIGHT AS WELL CHECK 'IM OUT!

YEAH! WE'VE GOT NOTHIN' TO LOSE--

AND IT COULD BE A PAGE ONE BOMBHELL!

JONATHAN POWERS, FORMER BROADWAY ACTOR AND COMEDIAN, HAS MADE A STARTLING PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT--

ON THE AIR



HE HAS PROMISED TO REVEAL THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE COLORFUL, MASKED ADVENTURER WHOM THE WORLD KNOWS ONLY AS-- DAREDEVIL!

POWERS HAS CHOSEN AN UNUSUAL SITE FOR THIS DRAMATIC DISCLOSURE--



--HE PROMISES TO DIVULGE HIS INFORMATION ATOP THE **GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE** AT THE **STROKE OF MIDNIGHT!**

--OFFICIAL OPINION IS **DIVIDED** AS TO WHETHER A **HOAX** IS BEING PERPETRATED, OR--

AS FAR AS I CAN REMEMBER, I DON'T **KNOW** ANY **JONATHAN POWERS**--

IT MAY BE A **HOAX**-- BUT WHAT HAS HE TO **GAIN**?

SO, WHAT BETTER TIME TO **INTRODUCE** MYSELF?

IT'LL ACCOMPLISH **ONE** THING, ANYWAY--

IF NOTHING ELSE, IT MAY TAKE MY MIND OFF **KAREN** FOR A WHILE!

IT'S ALMOST **MIDNIGHT!** I'LL BE JUST IN TIME!

BUT-- IN TIME FOR-- **WHAT??**



FOR THE ANSWER TO DD'S HAUNTING QUERY, LET'S TURN OUR ATTENTION TO A TINY ONE-MAN SUB, SILENTLY APPROACHING THE STATELY BRIDGE--

AS IT DRAWS NEARER, WE NOTICE THAT IT SEEMS TO RESEMBLE A TOY MORE THAN AN ACTUAL, REAL-LIFE UNDERSEA CRAFT--

A RESEMBLANCE WHICH IS FAR MORE INTENTIONAL THAN ACCIDENTAL--

IT'S STRANGE HOW CHEERFUL I SEEM TO FEEL--

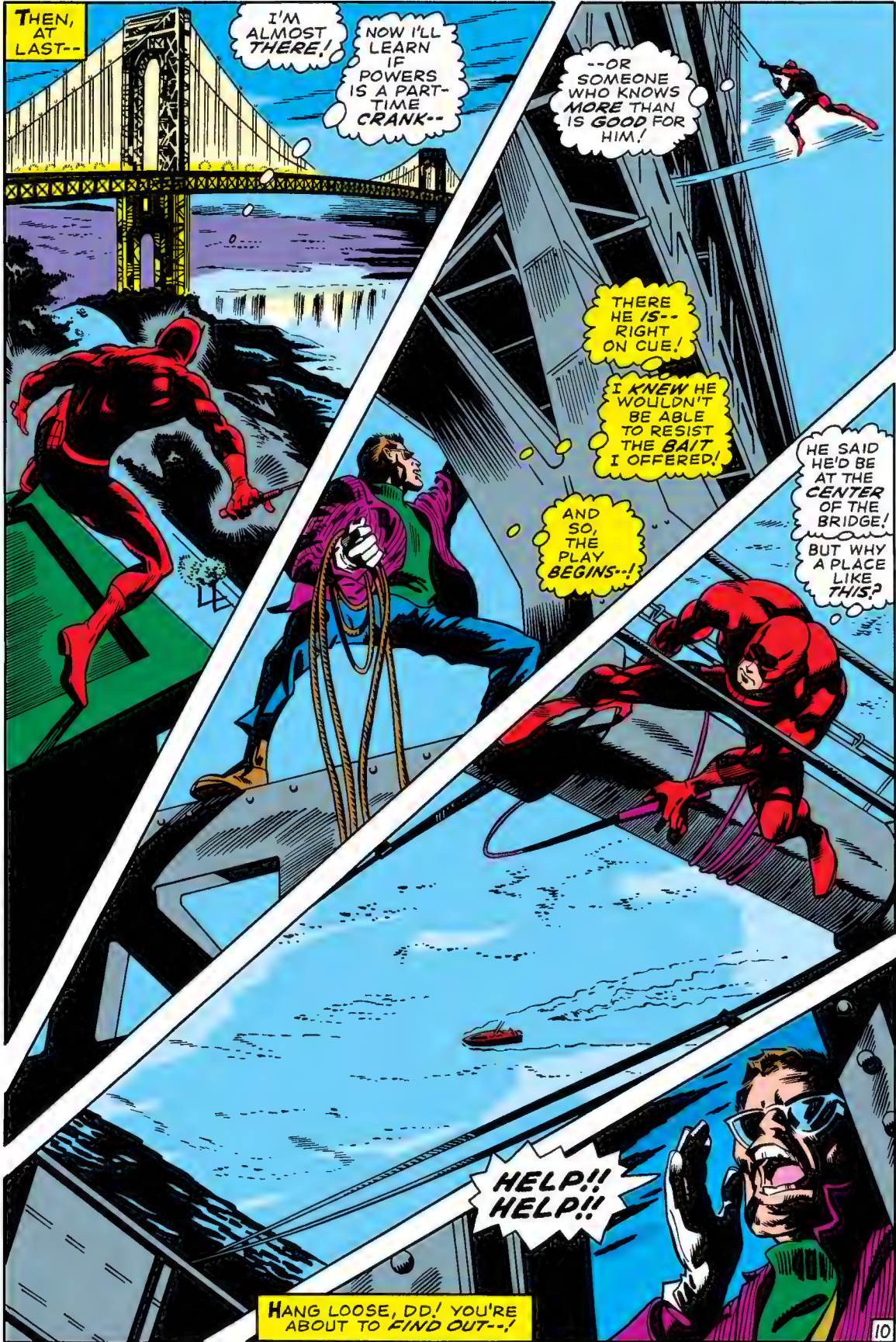
-- SINCE I PLAN TO BE MOST FOULLY MURDERED DURING THE NEXT FEW MINUTES!

-- CONSIDERING WHO THE CREATOR, AND SOLE OCCUPANT IS!

AND THERE-- DIRECTLY AHEAD-- IS THE PERFECT SETTING FOR SO BRILLIANT A PLOT!

A PLOT IN WHICH DAREDEVIL IS SOON TO BE THE UNWITTING VICTIM!





THEN,  
AT  
LAST--

I'M  
ALMOST  
THERE!

NOW I'LL  
LEARN  
IF  
POWERS  
IS A PART-  
TIME  
CRANK--

--OR  
SOMEONE  
WHO KNOWS  
MORE THAN  
IS GOOD FOR  
HIM!

THERE  
HE IS--  
RIGHT  
ON CUE!

I KNEW HE  
WOULDN'T  
BE ABLE  
TO RESIST  
THE BAIT  
I OFFERED!

AND  
SO,  
THE  
PLAY  
BEGINS--!

HE SAID  
HE'D BE  
AT THE  
CENTER  
OF THE  
BRIDGE!  
BUT WHY  
A PLACE  
LIKE  
THIS?

HELP!!  
HELP!!

HANG LOOSE, DD! YOU'RE  
ABOUT TO FIND OUT--!



SOMEONE'S  
IN  
TROUBLE  
DOWN  
THERE!

AND  
THAT  
MEANS--  
I'D  
BETTER  
MOVE!

HELP!



THERE HE IS, THE STUPID,  
SWAGGERING, SELF-  
RIGHTEOUS BUFFOON!

DOWN  
HERE--  
QUICK!  
QUICK!  
I CAN'T--  
HOLD ON  
--ANY  
LONGER!

WHAT'S THE PITCH,  
PAL? YOU'RE IN  
NO DANGER! YOU  
JUST--**HEY!**

HOW RIGHT  
YOU ARE,  
MASKED  
MAN!

I'M  
IN NO  
DANGER  
WHAT-  
SOEVER!

LITTLE DOES  
HE DREAM--THAT  
THIS IS MY  
**GREATEST--**  
MY MOST  
**MONUMENTAL**  
PERFORMANCE!

A PITY  
WE CANNOT  
SAY THE  
SAME--  
FOR YOU!

MUST KEEP HIM  
BUSY--OFF-  
BALANCE--TILL  
I'M SURE  
THERE ARE  
**WITNESSES**  
PRESENT!

IT'S A  
TRAP OF  
SOME  
SORT! BUT  
WHO? WHY?  
WAIT--  
THAT  
VOICE!

I'VE HEARD  
IT BEFORE!  
IT WAS  
DIFFERENT--  
MORE  
MUFFLED--  
MORE  
FRANTIC--  
BUT IT WAS  
HIM!



STILL, I HEAR SO MANY VOICES--  
AND THEY ALL MAKE AN  
IMPRESSION ON MY HYPER-KEEN  
SENSES--!

HEY, DD--STOP  
SPECULATING  
AND START  
SLUGGING!  
THIS GUY'S  
GOOD!

I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT YOU'RE  
UP TO,  
CHARLIE--

BUT YOU  
PICKED  
YOURSELF  
THE  
WRONG  
PIGEON!

HAVE I?  
WE'LL  
SEE  
ABOUT  
THAT!

HE COUNTERS  
MY BLOWS LIKE  
A PRO--BUT HE'S  
NOT TRYING TO  
HIT BACK YET!  
**WHY??**

IF SOMEONE  
DOESN'T GET  
HERE SOON,  
I'M IN  
TROUBLE!

I CAN FIGHT  
HIM AS THE  
JESTER--BUT  
NOW, WITHOUT  
MY LITTLE  
PROPS, I--  
**UHHH!**

DAREDEVIL--  
USING  
POWERS  
FOR A  
PUNCHING  
BAG!

HE MUST  
BE TRYING  
TO  
SILENCE  
HIM!

HEY! IT'S A GOOD  
THING WE SHOWED  
UP! LOOK!

THEY'RE  
HERE!  
AND  
JUST IN  
TIME!



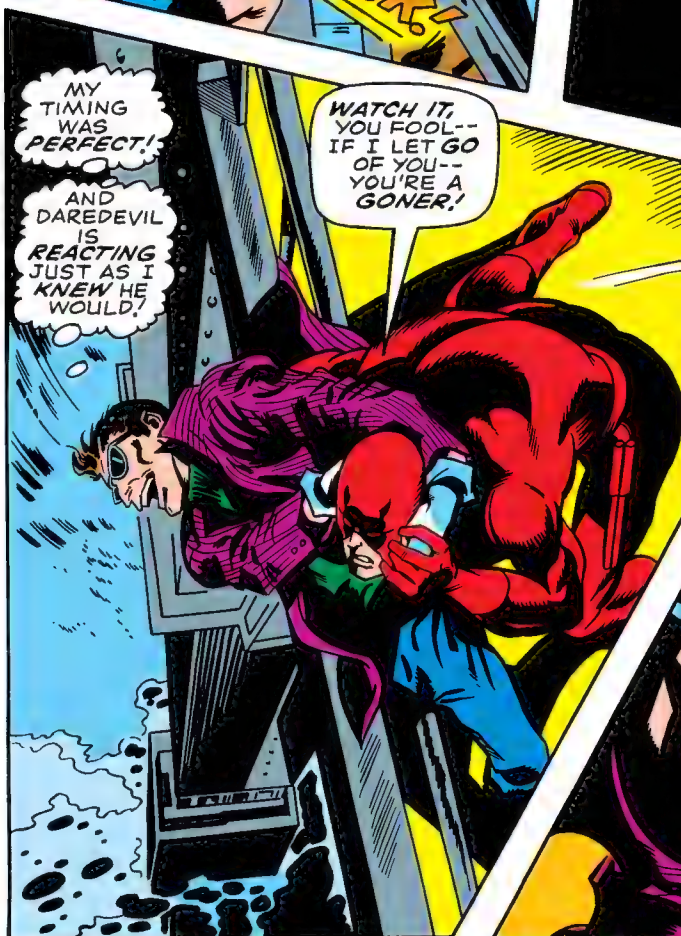


GET THOSE CAMERAS ROLLING!

THIS'LL BE THE SCOOP OF THE CENTURY!

CLICK!

CLICK!  
CLICK!



MY TIMING WAS PERFECT!

AND DAREDEVIL IS REACTING JUST AS I KNEW HE WOULD!

WATCH IT, YOU FOOL-- IF I LET GO OF YOU-- YOU'RE A GONER!



I DON'T GET IT! WHAT'S WITH DAREDEVIL?

LIKE HIM OR NOT, HE'S NEVER ATTACKED AN INNOCENT CIVILIAN BEFORE!

CLICK!

WELL, JUST BETWEEN YOU, ME, AND THESE CAMERAS--HE'S NOT EXACTLY SIGNIN' A PEACE TREATY WITH THAT GUY NOW!

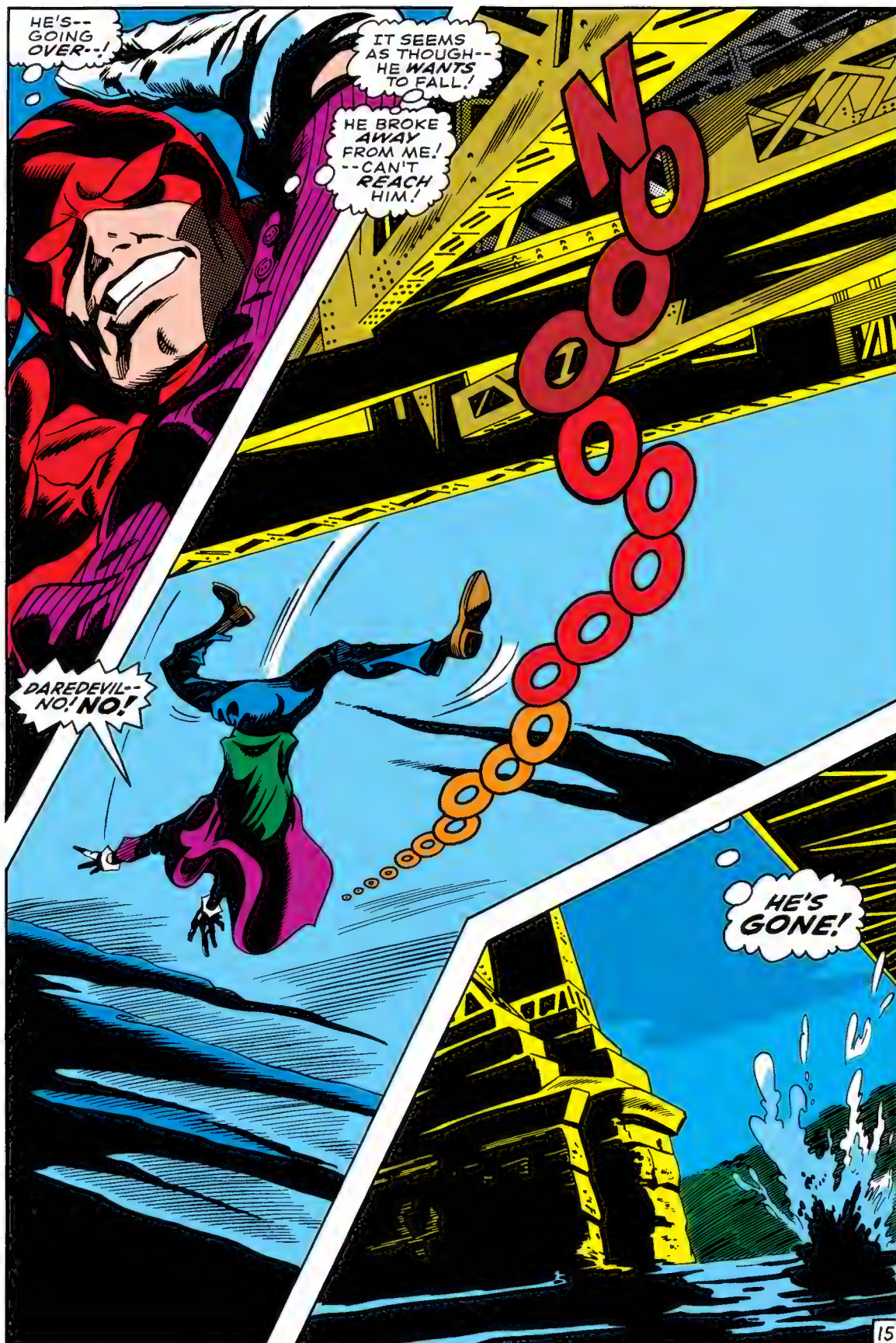


GOOD! GOOD! THAT'S JUST WHAT I WANT HIM TO THINK!

AND THE STUPID, MASKED STUMBLEBUM STILL DOESN'T SUSPECT A THING!

HELP!  
HELP!  
DAREDEVIL'S TRYING TO KILL ME!





HE'S--  
GOING  
OVER--!

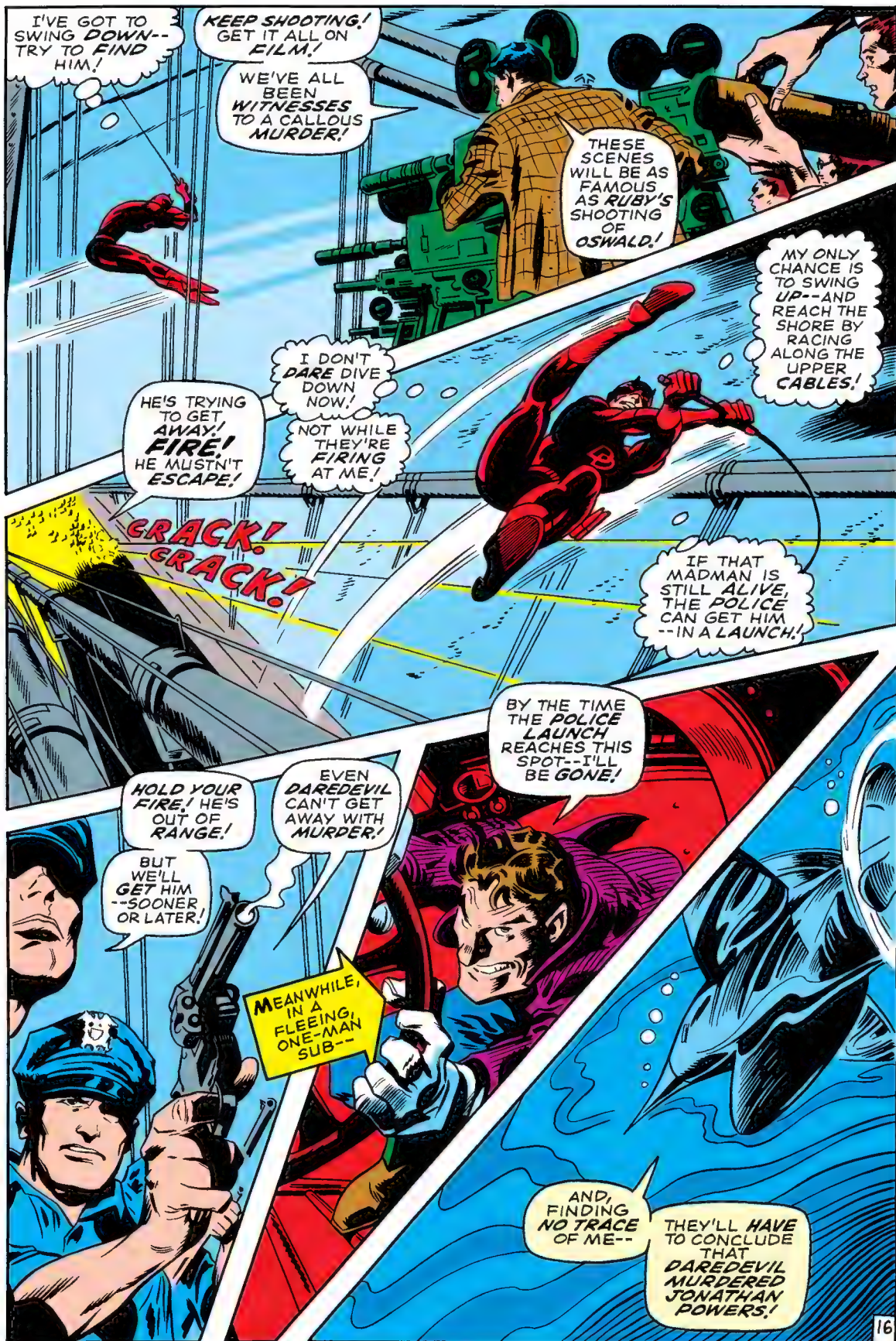
IT SEEMS  
AS THOUGH--  
HE WANTS  
TO FALL!

HE BROKE  
AWAY  
FROM ME!  
--CAN'T  
REACH  
HIM!

DAREDEVIL--  
NO! NO!

HE'S  
GONE!





I'VE GOT TO SWING DOWN-- TRY TO FIND HIM!

KEEP SHOOTING! GET IT ALL ON FILM!

WE'VE ALL BEEN WITNESSES TO A CALLOUS MURDER!

THESE SCENES WILL BE AS FAMOUS AS RUBY'S SHOOTING OF OSWALD!

MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO SWING UP--AND REACH THE SHORE BY RACING ALONG THE UPPER CABLES!

HE'S TRYING TO GET AWAY! FIRE! HE MUSTN'T ESCAPE!

I DON'T DARE DIVE DOWN NOW!

NOT WHILE THEY'RE FIRING AT ME!

CRACK! CRACK!

IF THAT MADMAN IS STILL ALIVE, THE POLICE CAN GET HIM --IN A LAUNCH!

BY THE TIME THE POLICE LAUNCH REACHES THIS SPOT--I'LL BE GONE!

HOLD YOUR FIRE! HE'S OUT OF RANGE!

EVEN DAREDEVIL CAN'T GET AWAY WITH MURDER!

BUT WE'LL GET HIM --SOONER OR LATER!

MEANWHILE, IN A FLEEING, ONE-MAN SUB--

AND, FINDING NO TRACE OF ME--

THEY'LL HAVE TO CONCLUDE THAT DAREDEVIL MURDERED JONATHAN POWERS!



A SHORT TIME LATER, AT THE MIDTOWN OFFICE OF NELSON AND MURDOCK, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, WE FIND A STARTLED FOGGY CATCHING UP ON THE DAY'S EVENTS--

WHEN MIKE MURDOCK WAS DAREDEVIL, HE'D NEVER HAVE DONE ANYTHING LIKE THAT!

EVEN IF HE WAS AN OBNOXIOUS WISE-GUY, HE WASN'T A KILLER!

WELL, WHO-EVER THIS MASKED MURDERER IS, HE WON'T --WAIT A MINUTE!!

WHAT'S THIS??



A FILMED REPORT OF THE PROTEST DEMONSTRATION THAT WAS HELD ON THE MALL, EARLIER THIS MORNING!

AND, RIGHT OUT IN FRONT-- WITH THE LEADERS OF THE MARCH--IT'S **DEBBIE!**



OH NO! NOT HER! AND ESPECIALLY --NOT NOW!



MURDOCK AND NELSON

MINUTES LATER--

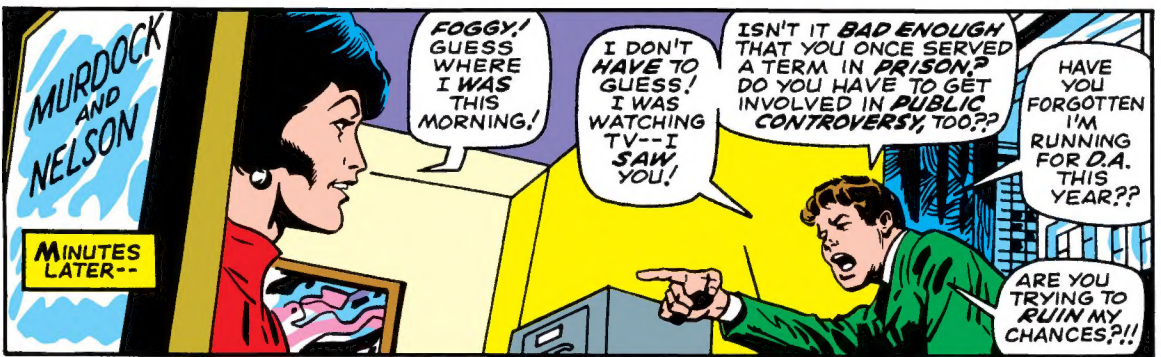
FOGGY! GUESS WHERE I WAS THIS MORNING!

I DON'T HAVE TO GUESS! I WAS WATCHING TV--I SAW YOU!

ISN'T IT BAD ENOUGH THAT YOU ONCE SERVED A TERM IN PRISON? DO YOU HAVE TO GET INVOLVED IN PUBLIC CONTROVERSY, TOO??

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN I'M RUNNING FOR D.A. THIS YEAR??

ARE YOU TRYING TO RUIN MY CHANCES?!!



COME OFF IT, LOVE OF MY LIFE! A PERSON HAS TO STAND FOR SOMETHING THESE DAYS!

IF YOU'D PREFER TO MARRY A VEGETABLE, I'LL STILL LET YOU OFF THE HOOK!

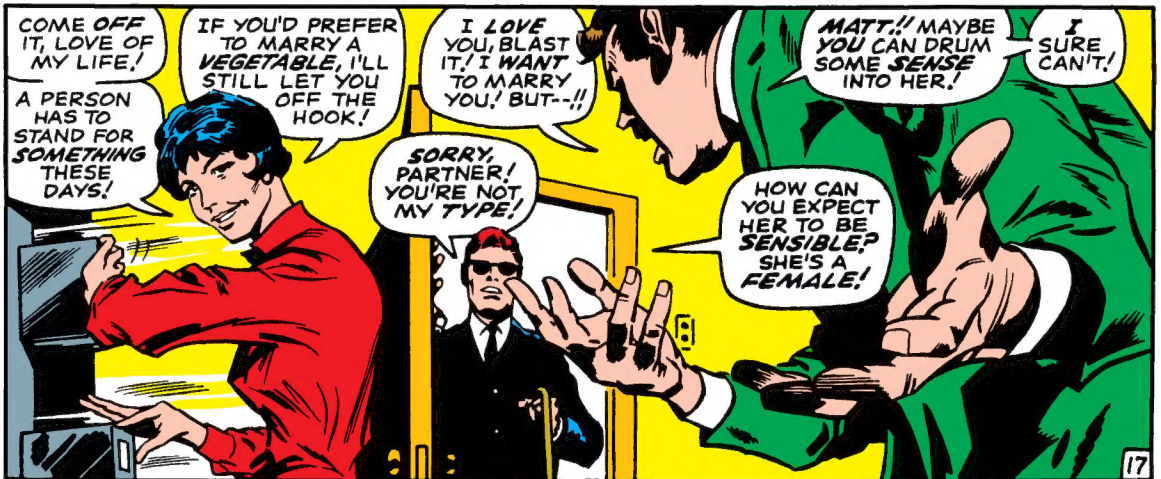
I LOVE YOU, BLAST IT! I WANT TO MARRY YOU, BUT--!!

SORRY, PARTNER! YOU'RE NOT MY TYPE!

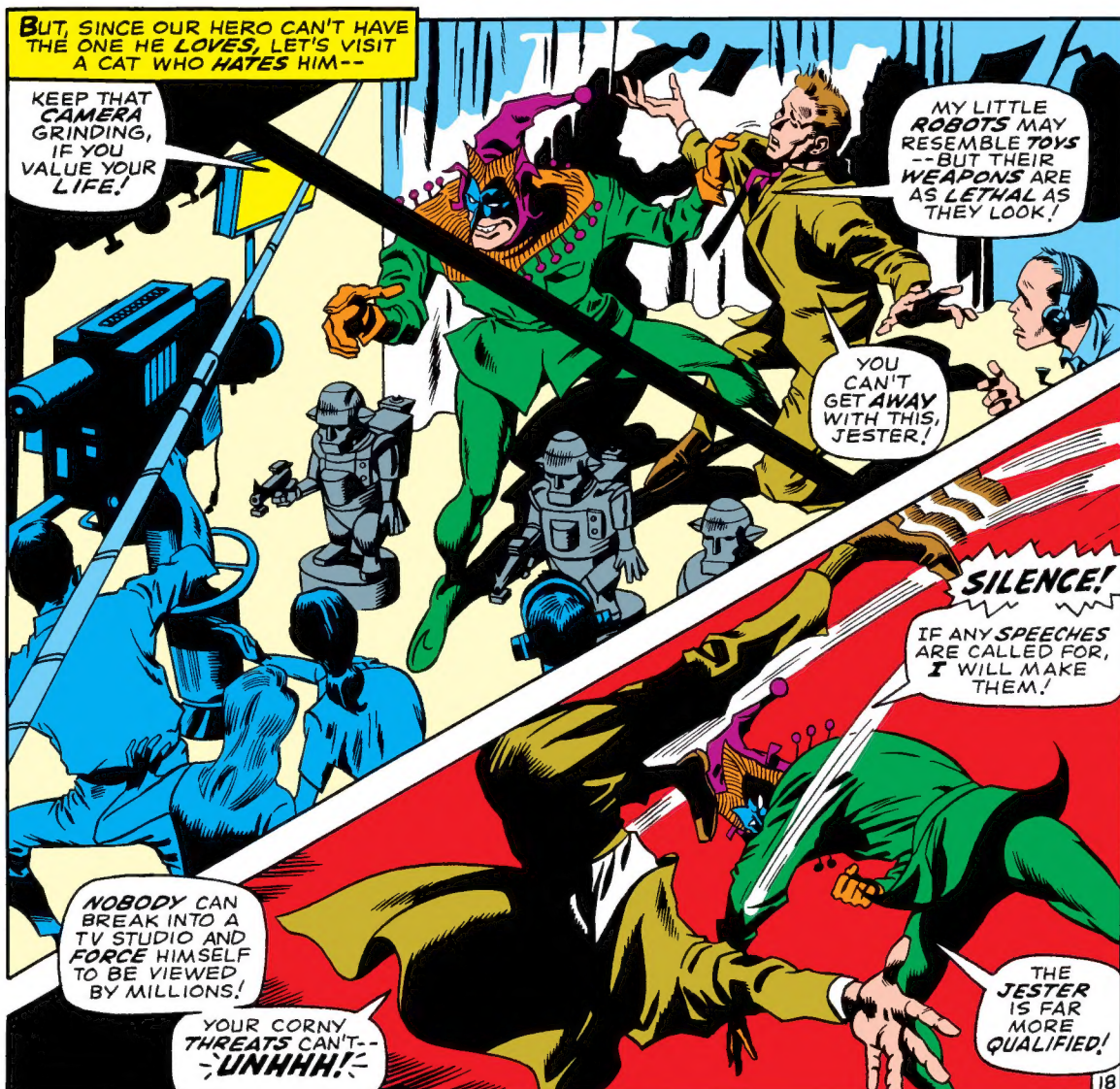
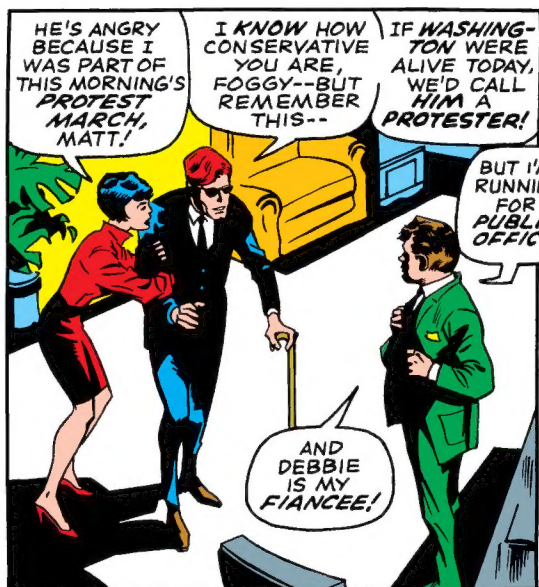
MATT!! MAYBE YOU CAN DRUM SOME SENSE INTO HER!

I SURE CAN'T!

HOW CAN YOU EXPECT HER TO BE SENSIBLE? SHE'S A FEMALE!











NOW  
HEAR  
THIS!

I AM ABOUT  
TO PROVE  
HOW **PUBLIC-  
SPIRITED** THE  
JESTER IS!

AS A **BOON** TO  
THIS FAIR  
CITY OF OURS,  
I PROMISE TO  
**CAPTURE** THE  
MERCILESS  
MURDERER  
KNOWN AS  
**DAREDEVIL!**

SOON--VERY SOON--  
THE WORLD WILL  
SEE THAT THE  
**JESTER** IS TRULY  
THE "**GOOD GUY**!"

THE **JESTER!**  
I'VE BEEN  
**WONDERING**  
WHEN HE'D  
SHOW UP AGAIN!

HE'S HEARD WHAT  
HAPPENED ON THE  
**BRIDGE** AND  
DECIDED TO TAKE  
**ADVANTAGE** OF IT!

I NEVER  
THOUGHT  
I'D **FEEL**  
THIS  
WAY--

BUT, AFTER  
WHAT  
HAPPENED  
ON THE  
**BRIDGE**  
TODAY, I HOPE  
THE **JESTER**  
**WINS!**

A STRANGE,  
BEEPING  
SOUND--  
IN MY  
**EARS--**

NEVER  
HEARD  
ANYTHING  
LIKE IT  
BEFORE!

JUST REMEMBERED  
--I'M LATE FOR  
AN  
**APPOINTMENT!**

WHOA,  
PARTNER!  
WHAT'S  
THE  
**HURRY?**

MAYBE  
**DD** CAN  
REACH  
THE  
**STUDIO**  
IN TIME!

BUT  
THEN,  
MINUTES  
LATER--

**BEEP!**  
**BEEP!**

IT SEEMS  
TO BE SOME  
SORT OF  
**SIGNAL--**

GUIDING  
ME TOWARDS  
**CENTRAL  
PARK!**



FINALLY, AFTER THE SIGHTLESS SWASH-  
BUCKLER HAS FOLLOWED THE INSISTENT,  
HIGH-PITCHED SUMMONS--

AH, I KNEW YOU  
WOULDN'T  
DISAPPOINT  
ME!

BEEP!

THE  
JESTER!

I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT YOUR  
GAME IS,  
BUT--

THEN I'LL BE GLAD TO EXPLAIN!

LAST TIME WE  
FOUGHT, I  
PLANTED A  
TINY RECEIVER  
ON YOUR  
COSTUME--

BUT, I  
MUSTN'T  
FORGET  
MY  
MANNERS--!

THE KERNELS  
ARE--  
EXPLODING--

THEY'RE--  
FILLED  
WITH--  
GAS!

BEEP!

POP  
CORN

BEEP!

--WHICH I'VE JUST  
ACTIVATED  
TO BRING  
YOU  
HERE!

HERE--  
HAVE  
SOME  
POPCORN!

HOW HIGHLY  
PERCEPTIVE  
OF YOU!

A PITY  
YOU LEARNED  
--TOO LATE!

YOU MAY  
ARREST  
YOUR  
MURDERER--  
THE FALLEN  
DAREDEVIL!

AND, AS  
USUAL, THE  
POLICE  
ARRIVE--  
IN THE  
NICK OF  
TIME!

I'VE  
KEPT  
MY  
WORD,  
GENTLE-  
MEN!

NEXT

THE  
DREGS  
OF--

DEFEAT!